

The 2008-2009 Improving the Lives of Children Essay Contest

Contest for High School Seniors Enters 2nd Year, Now Offered Nationally

\$2,500 Prize for the Winning Essay

The New America Foundation is looking to draw attention to the needs of children and for the next generation of policy ideas to help kids. We are inviting **all high school seniors in the United States** to voice your opinions by writing and submitting an essay that answers the question, **"You have just been elected the President of the United States. What is the most important thing you will do to improve the lives of America's children?"** This contest provides a unique opportunity for students to articulate their hopes for improving children's lives. It is your turn to tell your parents, teachers, and Washington policymakers what you think America's priorities should be. For complete rules contact the Extension Office. **Contest Deadline: Postmarked by February 20, 2009**

Broadwater County 4-H Archery Shooting Sports Competition

To be Held in Townsend on February 21, 2009

Cost per event is \$10. Spots will be shot on the hour starting at 9:00 and going to 3:00, more than one class may be entered. 3-D will be shot continuously with the ability to start at any time. The 3-D course will be outside **so dress appropriately for the weather**. In 3-D only one bow class may be chosen due to the time considerations. After completed registration is received, shooting times will be confirmed by phone or e-mail. The Archery events will be held at the **BROADWATER ROD & GUN CLUB, 96 Canton Lane, Townsend**. Turn north on Harrison Ave. for 1 mile, gun club is on the right. **Entries to be received by February 13**, after that, call for shooting time availability; we will take late entries by phone February 20. Contact the Extension Office for more information or call: Al Bodle 406-266-3659 or Kim Watne at 406-227-8301.

Scholarships:

Attention Seniors!!! Are you thinking of college? Contact our office for these scholarship applications.

FRANK AND VERA DONEY SCHOLARSHIP

The Frank and Vera Doney Scholarship was established in December 2005 and will be available for distribution at the 2008 4-H Awards Banquet in September. This scholarship was made possible through a generous donation by Ellis and Bette Doney, Robert and Kathy Doney, and Arlene Doney Weppner in memory of Frank and Vera. Eligible applicants must be seniors in high school, enrolled in Gallatin County 4-H, and planning to study an agriculturally related major in higher education. Interested 4-H members may apply for the \$500 award through the county awards application process in July/August.

MONTANA AGRI-BUSINESS

Scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H member interested in a college education who has a special interest in Ag business. Montana Turkey Growers, a growers' cooperative that no longer exists, originally provided funds. Deadline: May 1

MONTANA MEAT PROCESSORS

The Montana Meat Processors Association (MMPA) has established an annual scholarship in cooperation with the Montana 4-H Foundation. This scholarship will assist an individual with an interest/background in meat science that will be attending a college or university. Deadline: May 1

MONTANA WHEAT & BARLEY SCHOLARSHIP

In conjunction with the Montana Wheat & Barley Committee, this scholarship is offered to 4-H members who have done outstanding work in bread baking, or similar projects utilizing grains and grain products (such as use of grains with a livestock project), or project work in the crop science area. Deadline: May 1

DOUGLAS A. DEAR MEMORIAL

This scholarship was established as a memorial to Doug Dear, an instrumental contributor to the Montana 4-H Horse Program. The scholarship will assist an individual with an interest or background in the 4-H Horse Project who will be attending a college or university. Deadline: May 1

N.A. JACOBSEN

Applicant must be a junior or senior enrolled in the College of Agriculture at Montana State University-Bozeman who is interested in a career with the MSU Extension Service. Memorial funds given by family and friends of N.A. Jacobsen. Deadline: May 1

MURDOCH'S RANCH & HOME SCHOLARSHIP

Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply has established a scholarship for Montana high school students who have demonstrated a dedication to 4-H and to the ideals of leadership, responsibility, and integrity. They will also be evaluated based on their academic achievement, their service and involvement with 4-H, and their contributions to community service. Deadline: May 1